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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of ) Group Art Unit: 1653  
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 37 CFR 1.121 to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 25, 2003 in the above-identified patent application for one (1) month, from September 25, 2003 to October 25, 2003. As October 25, 2003 falls on a Saturday, this response is timely filed with the extension on Monday, October 27, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 08-3040.

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